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SUBJECT: SYMINGTON TRANSCRIPT

REF: BANGKOK 6980

1. DEPARTMENT IN PROCESS FORMULATING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE DETAILS. HELPFUL EMBASSY COMMENTS HAVE BEEN NOTED AND ARE APPRECIATED.

2. ERROR CONTAINED IN PARA 2 A OF REFTL. ASSUMPTION THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE AS PROPOSED IN STATE 80435 OF DECEMBER 6, 1967 IS NOT RPT NOT CORRECT. NO RPT NO SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE.

3. AT MONDAY, JUNE 8 NOON BRIEFING NOT RPT NO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED ABOUT CONTENTS OF SYMINGTON TRANSCRIPT AS SUCH. HOWEVER, SYMINGTON-TO-ROGERS LETTER WAS DISCUSSED. PRIMARILY, INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN WHEN REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND WHAT ANSWERS LIKELY TO BE. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SIDE-STEPPED SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. INDICATING ANSWERS NOT YET COMPOSED AND THAT NOON BRIEFING NOT APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR REVEALING CONTENTS OF PRIVATE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.
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